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1. Local residents stated that a unit of 300 to 900 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets returned to the Infanterie Kaserne on Dresden Strasse, Oschatz, on 8 October 1952. On 29 October, the installation was occupied by about 1,000 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Five BA-G4 armored scout cars, 24 trucks and 5 sidecar motorcycles were in a shed. On 22 October, four armored personnel carriers were seen in the installation. On 29 October, about 200 troops with baggage had fallen in in the barracks yard; some trucks were assembled. A total of 120 troops was engaged in fatigue duty in the installation, while 50 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered crimson epaulets left the installation toward the town.

2. Local residents stated that a unit of about 1,200 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets and including some with tank insignia returned to the Fliegerhorst Kaserne, 2 km west of Oschatz, in the night of 10 October. On 22 October, 30 trucks, 8 armored personnel carriers and 10 sidecar motorcycles were seen in the installation. On 29 October, the installation was occupied by about 800 to 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including about 700 with tank insignia; 12 JS-3 tanks, 12 T-34 tanks, 40 trucks, 5 tank trucks and 5 sidecar motorcycles. No training activity was observed. Beginning 27 October, the road to the installation was blocked to pedestrians and cyclists by VPs.

3. On 10 October, source learned that the komendatura was located on Fhr. von Stein Promenade near Martin Luther Denkmal (monument). A sentry who wore red-bordered black epaulets was seen in front of the komendatura.²

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1. [] Comment. The information contained in the present report indicates that the 8th Pz Rifle Regt stationed in the Infanterie Kaserne and the 23d Tank Regt of the 9th Tank Div stationed in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne returned to their barracks installations in October. []
The JS-3 tanks are believed to belong to the 23d Tank Regt. []
The information contains no indication for the presence at the Fliegerhorst Kaserne of the unidentified engineer battalion and the unidentified tank training battalion carried there. []

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2. [] Comment. The existence in Oesatz of a komendatura is reported for the first time since 1950.

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